The following generation capacity is envisaged to be added during the current year (*i.e.* 2005-06), 2006-07 and XI Plan period (2007—12) in Andhra Pradesh.

Sector	2005-06	2006-07	XI Plan
State Sector	-	420	660
Private Sector	2058	-	713

In addition, 220 MW capacity is likely to be commissioned during 2006-07 and capacity addition of 3450 MW is envisaged during 11th Plan in the Central Sector in Southern Region, in which Andhra Pradesh will have entitlements.

Shortage of coal and gas to NTPC

3660. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is facing serious shortage of coal and gas supply;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure unhindered supply of coal and gas to NTPC plants;

(c) whether any alternative factors are also being considered; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) (i) Steps taken by the Government to ensure unhindered supply of coal and gas are as under:

(a) The coal supply position to thermal power stations is vigorously monitored in Central Electricity Authority and Ministry of Power.

(b) The Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee, headed by Secretary (Co-ordination) in the Cabinet Secretariat, reviews the coal production and supply to thermal power stations in the country every month.

(c) Ministry of Coal is being insisted upon to enhance the production of coal in the country.

(d) Ministry of Coal has been approached for allocation of coal blocks for captive mining by power utilities.

(e) Efforts are made to import coal to meet the shortfall.

(f) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has been requested for increasing the supply of natural gas/liquefied natural gas to gas based thermal power stations of NTPC.

(ii) Besides the efforts made by the Government of India, NTPC has been advised by the Ministry of Power to import 2.1 million tonnes of coal, approximately 1,75 lakh tonnes/month for a period of one year. NTPC has approached domestic/international natural gas/liquefied natural gas suppliers and developers of re-gasification facilities for sourcing gas, even through joint ventures, provided an affordable price is offered.

G-8 Round Table Meeting in London

3661. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was invited to G-8 Round Table Meeting in London to consider the challenge of achieving a sustainable and secure energy future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India was invited by the Government of the United Kingdom to participate in the Energy and Environment Ministerial Round Table held in London on March 15 & 16, 2005. The Indian delegation was led by Dr. Kirit S. Parikh, Member, Planning Commission and included two members from Ministry of Environment & Forests, one other respesentative from the Planning Commission and one from the High Commission of India in the U.K.

This Round Table brought together representatives both from developed as well as key developing countries to consider the challenges and opportunities for promoting sustainable energy systems.

Financial Investment in Power Sector in Maharashtra

†3662. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 285 crore for setting up south region power transmission system;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.